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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ISSUES, ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT
- UNSSOD

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2219

1. MISSION AGREES WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ARRANGE A SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND FOREIGN MINISTER FELEKE. UPON RECEIPT OF ADDIS ABABA' 2213, WE TOUCHED BASE WITH ETHIOPIAN PERM REP MOHAMED HAMI IBRAHIM AND EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST IN WORKING OUT A MEETING WITH YOUNG, DEPENDING UPON FELEKE'S DETAILED SCHEDULE DURING HIS STAY IN NEW YORK. HAMID EXPRESSED EAGERNESS TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH SUCH A CONTACT, AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COORDINATE A DATE AND TIME. BECAUSE OF HIS ABSENCE FROM NEW YORK, WE HAVE NOT SPOKEN DIRECTLY WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG, BUT FEEL SURE HE WILL BE INTERESTED, TIME AND SCHEDULE PERMITTING.

2. HAMID INDICATED THAT FELEKE PLANNED TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON MAY 22. ETHIOPIA IS PRESENTLY INSCRIBED TO SPEAK AT THE SSOD ON JUNE 1 (AFTERNOON), BUT HAMID INFERRED THEY MIGHT TRY TO MOVE TO AN EARLIER SLOT. FELEKE HAS NO CONFIRMED ITINERARY FOR RETURN TO ADDIS, BUT HAMID SAID
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PLANNING HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF A TWO-WEEK STAY IN NEW YORK.

3. WE HAVE TOLD HAMID THAT WE CANNOT COMMENT ON PROSPECTS FOR A MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE AT THIS TIME, BUT THE REQUEST HAS IN ANY EVENT BEEN PUT DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT BY ADDIS ABABA. MCHENRY

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